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Dear Parents,

It is with great delight that we welcome you and your child to the fifth grade at ISL Qatar. We are looking forward to a year full of learning, fun and growth. As a teaching team we will regularly update you as to the events and learning taking place. We encourage you to read the weekly updates to stay informed.

Grade 5 is a year of significant transition, and our goal is to work with your child to consolidate their learning from the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) and prepare them for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP). We also want to work with you to encourage them to grow in independence and become truly responsible for their learning. With this in mind we will ask them to try things they have never tried before, and to work to the best of their ability to maximize their skills to become strong, capable individuals. As you work with them at home, encourage them to seek their own answers, strive to do their best and praise them for those efforts.

You will find several attachments to this e-mail including information about our first unit "Where We are in Place and Time." This overview outlines what we will be learning in all subject areas at school over the next four weeks. Also attached is your child's class schedule. Finally, there is a Parent Questionnaire enclosed. Please take a moment to let us know a bit more about your child. Please note the days on which they have Physical Education (PE); on this day, students should wear their PE uniform and also bring deodorant (no aerosol) and a t-shirt to change in to after that class.

We encourage parent teacher communication. While we are always happy to meet with you, during the school day especially during our major transition times, such as drop-off and pick-up, our first responsibility is to the children in our class. If you would like to meet, please email us to schedule time where we can give you our full attention and properly address your questions or concerns.

Finally, we will be outlining specifics regarding classroom expectations by creating a classroom agreement with students. Please discuss with your child what these expectations are and why as a class body they were chosen.

Expecting a great year,

Ms. Creed, Ms. Bulteel, Miss Brooks
The 5th Grade Teaching Team

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Parent Questionnaire

Would you please take a moment to help me learn about your child by filling out the questionnaire below? The questionnaire can be submitted by return email. Many thanks.

How would you describe your child's personality?

What are the things you, as a parent, know that would be important for me to know?

What does your child do well at school?

What does your child find challenging at school?

How do you most support your child's learning at home?

I would like to know how you see your child as a reader, a writer, a listener, a speaker in groups small and large.

Thank you for taking time to support your child's learning.